Statement-II

Release of Funds in North Eastern States under various Schemes

Sl. No.	Name of States	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Assam	50.21	173.79	131.27
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	20.95	13.91
3.	Manipur	116.84	23.89	269.21
4.	Meghalaya	13.08	9.25	3.00
5.	Mizoram	328.13	224.36	209.12
6.	Nagaland	311.66	395.04	1018.55
7.	Tripura	13.45	16.83	16.93
8.	Sikkim	55.35	—	—
	Total	888.72	864.11	1661.99

New Strategy for Agriculture Sector under Ninth Plan

1555. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government have adopted any new strategy during the Ninth Plan to develop agriculture sector and increase crop production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to achieve the targets for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) A regionally differentiated strategy based on agro-climatic regional planning, which takes into account agronomic, climatic and environmental conditions, has been adopted during the Ninth Plan to achieve crop production targets and realise the full potential of growth in every region.